

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks ) NG-0001  
(Aquila), Omaha, seeking a general rate ) NG-0002  
increase for Aquila's Rate Area One. ) NG-0003  
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Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks )  
(Aquila), Omaha, seeking a general rate ) ASSESSMENT ORDER  
increase for Aquila's Rate Area Two. ) NO. DB-004  
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Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks )  
(Aquila), Omaha, seeking a general rate )  
Increase for Aquila's Rate Area Three. ) Entered: May 26, 2004

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 20, 2004, the Commission received a letter clarifying charges shown on the prior invoice from Dahlen, Berg & Co., which was addressed in Assessment Order No. DB-003 in this docket (Assessment Order No. DB-003). The letter provides further detail for a total amount of \$521.55, which includes \$101.55 in reimbursable expenses, and \$420 in additional expenses incurred for a specific purpose. This invoice was in response to the Commission's adjustment to the prior invoice in Assessment Order No. DB-003.

Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and further detail provided and found the amount of \$101.55 in reimbursable expenses to conform to an Agreement between the Public Advocate and Dahlen, Berg, which the Commission's Executive Director approved as to form and content of compensation and billing processing arrangements. Furthermore, Commission staff determined that the amount of \$420 was properly allocated as an additional expense incurred related to an aspect of the rate case that was not foreseen by the Public Advocate or Dahlen, Berg, as described in the Commission's Assessment Order No. DB-003 in this docket. Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the amount of \$521.55 against Aquila, Inc. (Aquila) pursuant to Section 40 of LB 790 [2003] and recommends the Commission pay the invoice upon receipt of payment by Aquila.

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Upon the recommendations of the Commission staff, the Commission finds that assessment against Aquila of the expenses reflected in the May 20, 2004 letter from the Public Advocate should be approved. The Commission further finds that the Commission should pay the amount upon receipt of payment by Aquila.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that the above-mentioned assessment is approved and hereby made and that payment be made upon receipt of payment by Aquila.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 26th day of May 2004.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director